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11. (U) The Turkish General Staff (TGS) released the following statement on January 18:

BEGIN TGS STATEMENT (Unofficial Embassy translation)

No. BA-09/08

Evaluations regarding the results of the air operations Turkish Armed Forces carried out against the PKK/KONGRA-GEL terror organization in northern Iraq on January 15, 2008 still continue.

A total of eight target groups (approximately 60 targets) consisting of four in the Zap-Shivi region, two in the Avashin-Basyan region, and two in the Hakurk region, which were solely used by the terrorist organization, were attacked by our fighter jets during the mentioned operation.

In the air operation, in which the most advanced target acquisition and fire control systems were used, all predetermined targets were successfully hit.

Within this context, five command centers, two communication centers, 15 training centers, 12 logistic centers, 18 shelters/hideouts, two anti-aircraft positions (with their crews) and four arms/ammunition depots of the terrorist organization PKK were destroyed.

Necessary activities to identify terrorist losses are carried out through various means.

The Turkish Armed Forces are determined to continue operations within the framework of the assigned authorities.

The public is respectfully informed.

END TGS STATEMENT

12. (S) Battle damage assessment continues to be compiled by the Ankara Coordination Cell (ACC). Initial assessments indicate six of eight target sets struck on January 15 sustained damage but we cannot confirm destruction of specific targets mentioned in the TGS announcement.

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